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SUBJECT: TIMING OF GON DECISION RE F104 REPLACEMENT

- 1. ON SEPTEMBER 7 STATE SECRETARY FOR DEFENSE STEMERDINK VOLUNTEERED TO POL COUNS THAT GON DECISION RE REPLACEMENT OF ITS F104'S WOULD BE MADE, IF NOT BY END OF CALENDAR YEAR '74, DURING FIRST OR AT LATEST SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY '75.
- 2. IN RESPONSE COMMENT RE LIKELIHOOD EARLIER BELGIAN DECISION RE REPLACEMENT ITS F104S, STEMERDINK EXPRESSED COMPLETE CONFIDENCE THAT GOB ALSO WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSTPONE ITS DECISION.

- 3. STEMERDINK SAID HE WANTS TO DISCUSS F104
 REPLACEMENT WITH DCM AFTER MOD VREDELING RETURNS
 FROM FORTHCOMING VISIT TO US. EMBASSY THEREFORE
 HOPES IT WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH
 REPORT ON MODS' VISIT WITH SECDEF FOLLOWING LATTERS'
 DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON FOR THEIR CAPITALS.
- 4. STEMERDINK SAID HE READ PRESS REPORTS OF
 STATEMENT BY UNNAMED NORTHORP OFFICIAL AT FARNBOROUGH
 THAT IF GON DID NOT OPT FOR COBRA, KLM WOULD BE IN
 TROUBLE IN FORTHCOMING CIVAIR NEGOTS. WITH US (THE HAGUE
 4422-NOTAL). POL COUNS DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY
 LINKAGE BETWEEN TWO MATTERS. MOD VREDELING IN PRESS
 CONFERENCE SEPT. 9 STATED HE UNAWARE OF ANY CONNECTION
 WHATSOEVER BETWEEN F104 SELECTION AND GON/US CIVAIR
 NEGOTS (REPORTED BY DAO SEPTEL).
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